

REMARKS

At the outset, applicants thank Examiner DeBerry for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of May 25, 2006 ("the Interview") between Examiner Regina M. DeBerry and applicants' representative Eileen E. Falvey in connection with the instant application. During the Interview, the Examiner indicated that, after reconsideration, the rejections of Claim 64 set forth in the Office Action dated February 22, 2006 were withdrawn. The Examiner further indicated that the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 submitted on April 24, 2006 (the "April 24, 2006 Amendment") would not be entered, pending entry of a Substitute Amendment. Therefore, applicants submit this Substitute Amendment to replace the April 24, 2006 Amendment.

Claims 28-64 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 28-39, and 64 are allowed. The Examiner has rejected claims 40-51, and has objected to claims 52-63.

By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 40-51 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more related applications. Applicants submit that the cancellation of claims 40-51 renders the Examiner's objection to claims 52-63 moot.

Thus, Claims 28-39 and 52-64 will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment. Applicants request that the amendments and remarks made herein be considered and entered in to the record of the instant application. Applicants estimate that the remarks and amendments made herein now place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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